

ISSUE: Use of Military Retirees in Support of Partial Mobilization (World Trade Center and Pentagon Attacks)

Retired Members

Military retirees include all regular and reserve officers and enlisted members who retire from the military services for reasons of physical disability, age, length of service, loss of professional qualification, or selective early retirement.

There is a total of approximately 2 million regular and reserve military retirees:

	Regular Retirees	Reserve Retirees
Under Age 60	701,000	92,000
Age 60 or older	730,000	249,000
Disabled	161,000	39,000

Any retired military member, regular or reserve, who has completed 20 years of active service, may be ordered to active duty by the Secretary concerned at any time in accordance with 10 USC 688.

The Secretary of a Military Department may order any other retired member of a Reserve component to active duty with their consent in accordance with 10 USC 12301(d).

DoD Policy

It is DoD policy, as specified in DoD Directive 1352.1, that military retirees shall be ordered to active duty (as needed) to fill personnel shortfalls due to mobilization or other emergencies.

The military services are responsible for establishing plans and procedures to use those military retirees who meet specific skill and experience requirements to fill mobilization billets, when there is not enough active or qualified Reserve manpower available.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments are responsible for determining the extent of military retiree mobilization requirements, preparing plans and establishing procedures for mobilization of military retirees.

(Note: Age or disability alone may not be the sole basis for excluding a retiree from active military service during mobilization.)

Points of Contact

Military retirees seeking to volunteer for active duty, with or without pay, may contact their respective Reserve personnel command to determine if they have a skill or expertise that may be required for mobilization:

Army Reserve Personnel Command

ARPC-PSP-A 1

1 Reserve Way

St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

Phone: 1-800-325-2660

Fax: 314-592-0582

Email to: mobops@arpstl.army.mil

Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command

5720 Integrity Drive

Millington, TN 38055

Website: www.bupers.navy.mil

Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs

James Wesley Marsh Center

3280 Russell Road

Quantico, VA 22134

Phone: (888) 415-9275

Web site: www.manpower.usmc.mil

Commander, Air Reserve Personnel Center

Denver, CO 80280

Dedicated retiree 800 number: 1-800-295-4648

Website: www.afreserve.com/contact.htm

Coast Guard Headquarters

G-WTR-1

2100 Second St., S.W.

Washington, DC 20593

Website: www.uscg.mil/hq/reserve/Recall/Recall.htm

Military Retirees who are not ordered to active duty may volunteer as civilians to assist local National Guard and Reserve units, **Family Readiness Centers** (or POCs), **Family Support Centers**, **Fleet and Family Support Centers**, and other military-related organizations (AMVETS, VFW, etc.) in providing assistance to the families of mobilized National Guard and Reserve members.

Military Retirees who are not ordered to active duty may also volunteer to assist disaster relief organizations, to include the following:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FEMA encourages and accepts volunteerism through its temporary Disaster Assistance Employee (DAE) program. Persons interested in volunteering or learning more about the program may call 1-800-879-6076, or may communicate directly with FEMA regional offices by logging onto <http://www.fema.gov/> and clicking on “FEMA By Region.”

The American Red Cross

The Red Cross accepts volunteers in many different areas of its operations. Interested persons may call 1-800-HELPNOW or log on to www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer

The Salvation Army

Interested persons may volunteer with the Salvation Army by logging onto www.salvationarmy.org and clicking on “Volunteer.”

(Note: The FEMA website’s Global Emergency Management System contains links to external websites in a variety of categories that are related in some way to emergency management.)

Uniform Restrictions

Military retirees are prohibited from wearing the uniform in connection with activities of a business nature when an inference of official sponsorship for the enterprise or business may be drawn, or under circumstances that would tend to bring discredit or reproach upon the uniform.

Links to Online Request Forms

United States Naval Reserve Recall Request Form (online)

https://www.bol.navy.mil/reserve/simple_form_2.asp

Marine Corps Availability For Mobilization Form (online)

<https://osprey.manpower.usmc.mil/manpower/ra/ActiveDutyAvail.nsf/Availability?OpenForm>

Air Force “Contact a Recruiter” Form (online)

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/EnduringFreedom/NE1.htm>

U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Recall Advisory Website and Form (online)

<https://osprey.manpower.usmc.mil/manpower/ra/ActiveDutyAvail.nsf/Availability?OpenForm>